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HPD Partners with Other Agencies to Conduct Searches

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) continues searching for information leading to the whereabouts of Elizabeth Rodriguez Rubio, 48, and Angie Carolina Rodriguez Rubio, 12.

Starting yesterday afternoon, HPD and its partner agencies began searching by ground and air for evidence to further this case.

Resources being used are drones for aerial imagery, other law enforcement staff for ground searches, canine dogs for search and rescue and evidence collection, and follow-up interviews with known associates of all individuals involved. HPD is using all available resources to locate the two missing females. Members of the public can expect to see an increased law enforcement presence throughout the community and surrounding areas.

Federal authorities are also assisting with conducting a search for evidence within the suspect's car that caught fire along I-66 on Monday, August 6.

HPD remains the lead investigating agency but will continue to partner with other local, state, and federal agencies to pursue leads and collect information in the city and surrounding jurisdictions.

Partner agencies: Harrisonburg Fire Department, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Rockingham County Sheriff's Office, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Greene County Sheriff's Office, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Federal Bureau of Investigations, U.S. Marshals, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, U.S. Secret Service, and the Pennsylvania State Police.

An incorrect tip line at one point was distributed, please be sure to provide the correct information. Anyone with immediate information as to the victim's whereabouts is asked to call 911 immediately. All other information and tips can be submitted through HPD's local Crime Solvers line at **540-574-5050** or text "HPD" plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).

Those seeking for information regarding the amber alert can visit www.<wbr>vaamberalert.com.

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